Problems of Powerloom Sector

863. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force appointed by his Ministry to probe into the problems of powerloom sector has suggested the grant of a fund of Rs. 1170 crores for modernising looms and for providing working capital; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on the suggestion of the Task Force?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Government of India had constituted a Task Force to assess the existing flow of credit to the decentralised powerloom sector and to make recommendations regarding measures to be taken to augment the flow of credit. The Task Force has suggested credit outlay of Rs. 500 crores for working capital, Rs. 150 crores for modernisation of weaving operations and Rs. 50 crores of modernisation of preweaving operation; in the first year.

(b) The report is under examination.

Supply of hank yarn to Handloom Sector

864. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private sector handlooms have decided to observe a three-day work stoppage from February 18 to protest against the failure of the National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) to ensure supplies of hank yarn at reasonable prises; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Reports of private-sector weavers in Tamil Nadu resorting to demonstrations and agitations protesting against the sharp hike in yarn prices have been received by Government. Out of orders amounting to Rs. 41.52 lakhs placed on National Handloom Development Corporation by three private sector handloom associations in Tamil Nadu for supply of hank yarn, supplies to the extent of Rs. 19.31 lakhs have been made so far by National Handloom Development Corporation and supplies to the extent of Rs. 7.16 lakhs are in pipeline. Supplies for the remaining amount of Rs. 15.05 lakhs could not materialise as the Tamil Nadu parties were not prepared to accept supplies from the mills concerned.

Contraband items seized from Rajasthan-Pakistan border

865. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of seizure of contraband smuggled items, particularly narcotics on the Rajasthan-Pakistan border during the year 1987, sector-wise; and

(b) what are the details of the recipients of rewards for the seizure of these contrabands as per the rewards scheme of the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A statement giving details is annexed hereto.

Statement

(a) Sector-wise details of seizures of contraband smuggled items particularly Narcotics on the Rajasthan-Pakistan Border for the year 1987 are given below in (KGS).

Statement

	Shriganga-nagar	Bikaner	Jaisalmer	Barmer
(i) *NARCOTICS*				
1. Heroin	Nil	91.270	385 213	512 00
2. Charas	76 180	Nil	4843.761	689 740
3. Opium	8 120	Nil	Nil	11 950
4. Ganja	23 000	Nil	Nil	Nil
5. Methaqualone Powder	25.000	Nil	Nil	Nil

(Test reports confirming indentify of contraband pending in many cases)

(ii) *Other goods*

Besides narcotics other contraband goods seized include Watches, Indian Currency, Foreign Currency, Electronics goods, Gold, Silver Livestock etc. Sectorwise details of seizures and value are given below:—

	No. of Seizures	Value (Rs.)
Sriganganagar	77	2,19,304 00
Bikaner	4	37,387 00
Jaisalmer	60	61,98,952 00
Barmer	362	21,47,860 00

(b) Details of rewards sanctioned during 1987 are as under:

	BSF	Police	Customs
Number of Officers	239	253	102
Number of Cases	24	29	12
Amount Sanctioned	Rs. 1,62,750/-	Rs. 2,65,225/-	Rs. 1,03,700/-